

Simpson Rd. Workshop Comments
Saturday, March 4, 2006
New Horizon Senior Center
745 Orr St. Atlanta, Georgia

During the Simpson Rd. Workshop, many comments were recorded on the transparent overlay papers. Although many comments are duplicated, nonetheless they are documented for the record and are being used for development of recommended goals and policies.

Comments from Tables – Streetscape

1. Better bus stops – plaza may work
2. Fountain park
3. Historic markers
4. Set trees off streets with buses
5. Crepe Myrtle and Dogwood trees
6. Road diet, need to narrow Simpson Rd.
7. Screen power lines near cemetery
8. Community garden near West Lake
9. Think about optional uses other than residential near floodplains
10. Need trash cans
11. No billboards between Lowery and West Lake
12. Street lighting from Lowery to Holmes
13. Decorative trash receptacles
14. Restrict temporary signs
15. Hunter Hill – Gateway monument
16. Improve street signs
17. Place a plaza at Childs and Simpson
18. Liquor store, trees in parking lot?
19. Sign to school and community center
20. Gateway at Northside Dr.
21. Over ramp – Bike and sidewalks (Where low land along cemetery)
22. Church (Northside Dr.) wants to purchase vacant lot for parking
23. Gas station and commercial plaza – eyesore
24. Lights along corridor
25. Green space along rail road near Mayson Turner and Simpson.
26. Should be able to ride Simpson all the way to town.

Comments from Tables – Transportation

1. 1st curve east of Holmes very dangerous, need shoulder improvement.
2. Left turn lane at West Lake
3. West Lake needs widening

4. Left turn lane at Lowery
5. All major intersections need left turn signals
6. Need beautification along street
7. Vertical sight distance
8. Shelters (bus) all the way
9. Bump at rail road track
10. Crazy at Mayson Turner
11. Improve sidewalk from MARTA to Lowery
12. Southside needs sidewalks
13. Repair sidewalk – drainage problems
14. Brawley need pedestrian crossing – possible light
15. Fix potholes
16. Simpson too busy for bike paths
17. Improve transit access
18. Public transportation to civic center
19. Continue Ivan Allen bike lane west

Comments from Tables – Multi-family residential

1. Affordable housing – keep low-income residents in area
2. Assisted living is a need (more individual homes for seniors)
3. Problem absentee landlords
4. Lack of upkeep
5. Built in flood areas
6. Appearance
7. Lack of parking – too little for number of units
8. Make new apartments blend in
9. Trash cans needed.

Comments from Tables – Single family residential

1. Underground utilities
2. Off-street parking a must
3. Prefer acceptable housing image

Comments from Tables – Mixed-use

1. Green space in flood plain
2. Limited mixed use and not near Simpson Rd.
3. Not too high – No more than 3 to 4 units
4. Consistent materials on street (New development)
5. Rehabilitation of older structures
6. Mixed use – retail on street level and residential above commercial
7. Apartment complexes in bad condition (2 stories at the max.)
8. No mixed use
9. Need bookstores, internet cafes

10. Commercial need upgrade
11. Multi use for schools, after school, night school, job training, PAL, FDAL, Teen programs

Comments from Tables – Commercial

1. Upper end restaurants at West Lake
2. Professional offices at West Lake
3. Remove existing commercial (liquor stores)
4. Community space with commercial @ West Lake
5. Medical clinics at proposed Beltline
6. Service station at Lowery upgraded
7. Need chain sit down restaurants with bar at Lowery
8. Ice cream store at Lowery
9. Schools upgraded
10. Full grocery store
11. Collier Heights apartments need upgrade
12. Tasty Dog remove
13. Potential big box store at Mayson Turner
14. No more day cares
15. Need skating, bowling, restaurants, clothing, movie, fruit/vegetable stands, small hardware store.
16. Neighborhood Commercial/Retail – Northside, Griffin, Lowery, West Lake, Illinois and Chappelle
17. To many liquor stores and beauty shops
18. Parking needed, smaller stores, banks are red lining
19. Clean up existing stores
20. Fresh fruit market
21. Remove American Legion and Tasty Dog
22. Screen Georgia Power sub-station
23. Need bookstore